

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 9 and 13 through 17 are pending, with Claims 1, 15, and 16 being independent. Claims 10 through 12 and 18 through 21 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 4 through 9, 13, and 15 through 17 have been amended.

Claims 1 through 17 again were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over US 2004/0057700 A1 (Okada, et al.) in view of newly-cited US 2006/0259375 A1 (Deguchi). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 15, and 16 variously recite, *inter alia*, detecting date information of the plurality of pieces of image data, and generating date information *of the playlist data*, for use in sorting the playlist data, by using date information of one of the plurality of pieces of image data detected, with separate recording of the date information of the playlist data.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that neither Okada, et al. nor Deguchi, even in the proposed combination, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claims 1, 15, and 16.

The Official Action acknowledges that Okada, et al. is silent as to said features, and therefore relies upon Deguchi (e.g., paragraphs [0011], [0014], [0048], [0054], [0028], [0039], and [0049]), which refer, *inter alia*, to bookmark time and date stamps, playlist data, and generating a user playlist, etc., but are altogether *silent* in Applicant's view at least as regards the above-discussed claimed features.

Applicant further respectfully submits that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited document that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at such features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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